

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2022 BELMONT
2 HIGH SCHOOL "LADY CARDINALS" VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACH STEPHANIE
3 CLEVELAND FOR WINNING BACK-TO-BACK MHSAA 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 WHEREAS, the Belmont High School Volleyball Team stormed into
5 the MSU Gymnasium on October 21, 2022, and defeated Sacred Heart
6 3-0 in the 2A Title Game to capture the Mississippi High School
7 Activities Association (MHSAA) State Championship in front of a
8 packed house for the second time in school history; and

9 WHEREAS, Belmont swept South State Champion Sacred Heart for
10 the second year in a row and hoisted the Golden Ball for the
11 second time in school history. "We told the girls to keep the
12 intensity you saw today all season, and they did," Belmont Coach
13 Stephanie Cleveland said. "It does feel different from last
14 season. It's surreal"; and

15 WHEREAS, the "Lady Cardinals" (34-5) dominated all three
16 sets, winning 25-12, 25-17 and 25-13. It's been a common refrain
17 for Belmont this year, which swept its way through the 2A Playoffs
18 and played perfectly; and



19 WHEREAS, junior outside hitter Kerstin Moody took home MVP
20 honors, tallying 19 kills, but the honor could have gone to any
21 number of "Lady Cardinals." Junior Meredith Eaton played
22 especially well, particularly in a six-kill second set; and

23 WHEREAS, "Our whole theme this year has been 'attack' and
24 that's what we tried to do," Coach Cleveland said; and

25 WHEREAS, the 2022 Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals"
26 Volleyball Team Championship Roster: Madasen McCaig, Aubree
27 Russell, Giselle Lopez, Anna Karen Merino, Meredith Eaton, Kerstin
28 Moody, Addyson Liles, Emma Horton, Sadie Randolph, Sydnee Wilemon,
29 Ava Crane, Sophie Greene, Jacey Deaton, Keiley Robinson, Bella
30 Smith, Naomi Kitchens, and Maylie Holt; Eighth-Graders: Mariam
31 Lynch, Elly Reno and Carlee Sparks; Coach Stephanie Cleveland; and
32 Managers: Emma Osbirn, Greta Witt, Dalice Owens and Hailey
33 Carouthers; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
35 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
36 community and to the State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
39 Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Volleyball Team and Coach
40 Stephanie Cleveland for winning back-to-back MHSAA 2A State
41 Championships, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and
42 sponsors our best wishes for continued success.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 Coach Stephanie Cleveland for the team and Belmont Principal Jeff
45 Boren, forwarded to the Tishomingo County Board of Education, and
46 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

